

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
IAC CONFERENCE ROOM  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008, 2:00 P.M.**

**DICK STIFEL, CHAIR**

**MINUTES**

Members via teleconference: Dick Stifel, Jeanne Mirro, Sandi Clark, Karen Ellerbrook

Members absent: none

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Dennis Hardin

Mr. Stifel called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

1. **Approval of May 7, 2008 minutes and consent agenda.** Ms. Clark moved to accept the consent agenda. Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed.

2. **Financials.**

a. YTD Financial Activity. Mr. Ricci presented a hand-out prepared (attached) by Deputy Director Michelle Anderson showing year-to-date activity for the period ending July 31, 2008. IAC is under or on-budget in all areas. The state budget increase for FY2009 is now the base figure for future budgets. The state did not approve a change package submitted by IAC which would have provided an additional \$325,000 to fund an expansion of the arts-in-education program in Indiana schools.

b. FY 2010-2011 Submitted Budget. Mr. Ricci presented a hand-out (attached) showing the projected budget for FY 2010-2011.

c. State Audit Report. Mr. Stifel commented on the audit report covering the period April 2, 2006 through February 29, 2008. He remarked that there were no major concerns raised by the audit, and that he would report the same to the full commission at the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. **Strategic Plan Progress Update.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) which was prepared earlier for the Committee on the Future, showing the measured progress in Arts Education, Fund Development/Endowment Campaign, and the Tourism Partnership. Mr. Ricci recommended that the area of Fund Development be an item for discussion at the full commission meeting, and all agreed.

4. **Personnel Issues.** Mr. Ricci reported that IAC is fully staffed and expressed his satisfaction. He also reported that state government has approved, in principle, efforts to mitigate the rising cost of gasoline by allowing state employees, where possible, to either telecommute one day per week or to work four 9.5 hour days per week rather than five 7.5 hour days (hand-out attached).

The Executive Committee granted Mr. Ricci full confidence and permission to administer this plan within IAC.

**5. New Commissioner Update and Orientations.** Mr. Ricci reported that the Governor's office has appointed Lynn Jakubowski of Terre Haute and Gilberto Cardenas of South Bend as new IAC Commissioners. Mrs. Jakubowski will finish out the vacancy created with the retirement of Cliff Lambert in 2005, and then will be eligible to serve two full terms, if re-appointed, beginning in July 2009. Dr. Cardenas will fill the vacancy created with the retirement of Leonard Pas. Retired commissioners Steven Tuchman, Ronald Stratten and William Hopper will continue to serve until their replacements have been appointed. Formal orientations for the two new commissioners will be scheduled as soon as possible after the quarterly business meeting in September.

**6. Legislative Session Update and Commission Involvement.** Mr. Ricci referred to a handout showing FY2010 – 2011 budget priorities (attached). Over the next few weeks he will be meeting with state legislators who have expressed their interest in funding for the arts. Mr. Stifel asked to be included in these discussions.

**7. NASAA Conference.** IAC staff members Lewis Ricci, Kristina Davis, April Blevins and Michelle Anderson, along with Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook, attended the annual meeting of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, which was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 10 – 13. Ms. Ellerbrook remarked that it was a very educational experience for her. Mr. Ricci felt that it was important that newer staff members attended the conference, receiving exposure to national issues and making connections with others in similar positions across the country.

**8. Other.** Mr. Stifel requested that the Executive Committee meet briefly at 8:00 a.m. on September 26<sup>th</sup> prior to the meeting of the full Commission. There was no other business.

**9.** The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.